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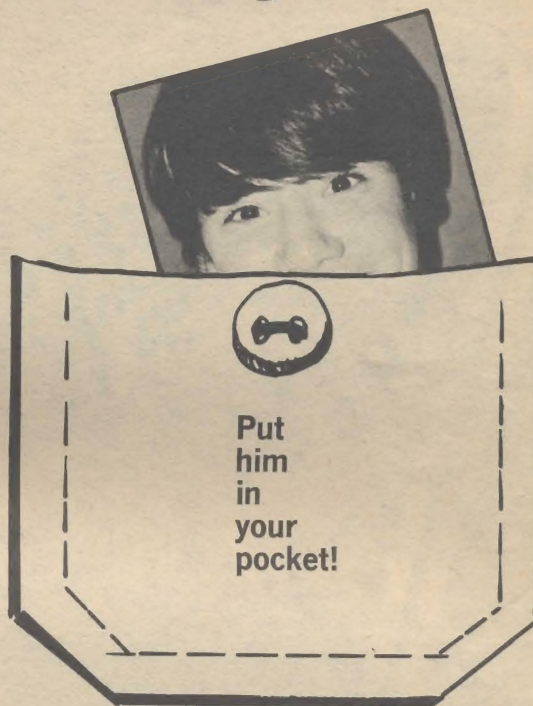
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By **DIANE PALIOTTA**

The DS gang's Girl Friday reveals what each and every one of your DS favs is REALLY like!



Diane & friend

I GUESS I'm one of the luckiest girls in the world—in fact, I *know* I am! You see, I'm the Girl Friday—"Jack Of All Trades"—Production Secretary to that fabulous ABC-TV show *Dark Shadows*!

Several years ago I was just another *Dark Shadows* fan who lived in a small town (Spring Valley, New York) and daydreamed about going to the big city and, who knows—maybe even meeting my favorite stars! Well, I finally got tired of just dreaming and decided to do something about it. With my mom's permission, I hopped aboard a bus and headed for New York City. I had taken a secretarial course in high school and had worked at a part-time job in Spring Valley, so when I got to New York I went straight to ABC-TV and applied for a job as a secretary. For awhile, I was secretary to a group of unit managers at ABC-TV, and then one wonderful day one of my "bosses" (who, incidentally, knew I was a *complete Dark Shadows* fan) told me that Dan Curtis was looking for a girl to work at the *Dark Shadows* studio.

Well, dreams *do* come true, after all! For just about two years ago I was transferred to the groovy *Dark Shadows* studio on West 53rd Street in Manhattan—and I'm still there to this very day, meeting and greeting each morning such wonderful performers as Jonathan Frid, David Selby, Joan Bennett, David Henesy and all of the rest of our favorite *Dark Shadows* stars!! How would you like to join me in my private world while—through the pages of 16 SPEC—I tell you one-by-one what your DS favs are *really* like?

Lara Parker: *The first person I met at DS was beautiful, talented Lara Parker. When I first wandered into DS, no one was about and, upon seeing a lady sitting in the rehearsal room, I went over, introduced myself and asked her where everyone was.*

"Oh, they're all around here somewhere," the lady said—and she jumped up, grabbed my hand and took me on my first tour of the second floor of the Dark Shadows studio. She introduced me to everyone who was there that day (including Jonathan Frid, whom I'll tell you all about next month!) and then showed me where my desk was and taught me how to use the telephone, with all of its buttons. Then she left, leaving me wondering who the lovely lady was.

A little while later, I had to speak to Vinnie, the make-up man, and you can imagine my embarrassment when I saw the lovely lady sitting in the make-up room, being transformed into "Angelique"! Lara saw my face turn red and she just looked at me and smiled. Needless to say, she's been one of my "dearest" Dark Shadows people ever since!

Lara is not only gracious, kind and talented, she is also probably one of the most beautiful women God ever made. You've seen her perfect face, enormous blue eyes and golden hair on Dark Shadows. Well, try to imagine someone in real life who is at least twice that pretty—and you're close to realizing how gorgeous Lara is! In real life, Lara is very different from "Angelique". Lara is idealistic, liberal, extremely considerate, and in some ways sort of naive and innocent. She's a great mom (she's married to artist Tom Parker) and she talks to her two sons Ricky and Andy each day on the phone. Lara and her family live in a huge, beautifully remodeled loft in Greenwich Village.

When it come to work, Lara—like all of the DS-ers—is very professional. She is a perfectionist in everything she does—from make-up to hair to wardrobe to lines and to the



Lara Parker as "Angelique"

final, infallible performance she gives at each taping. She is reliable and totally conscientious about her work—and she has never missed a day's taping or a rehearsal, even if she was sick. Lara is even-tempered and she doesn't get upset, even when last-minute changes are made in the script. In fact, the only time Lara ever "blows her top" is when she feels that something isn't right about the script or if something inadvertently happens during the tapes to mar an otherwise fine show.

When it comes to fans and fan mail, Lara—again like all of the other DS-ers—is very grateful for the friendship and attention all of you 16 and 16 SPEC readers have extended to her. She reads every single letter she gets, taking them all home with her each night. At the moment, she still is in the process of personally writing notes to every single one of you who has ever sent her a card, letter or gift! So, if you're a Lara Parker-lover and have written to her—hang in there! There'll be a letter from Lara coming your way one of these days!

David Selby: I don't have to tell you that David Selby is a doll! But let me start from the beginning. Every time we

get a new regular on the show, Dan Curtis has an "on camera" audition. This means that Linda Otto, our casting lady, has settled on three actors she thinks will be good for an upcoming part, they are taken to the studio and tested. The day David Selby did his test, I was sitting in the control booth with Don Briscoe. We were both watching the auditions with great interest, and when David came on it was all I could do to keep from screaming! After the auditions, Don said to me, "Well, who do you think is right for the part?"

I told him that I thought David Selby was. I remember saying, "I've never seen anyone with eyes like that. Those eyes are indescribable."

"I think you're right," Don replied.

Well, I turned out to be a good judge—and thereby met and got to know one of the dearest, kindest, sweetest human beings who ever lived! When you first meet David, he seems very shy—and actually he *is*. But when you get to know him, you realize that basically he's a quiet, sweet, gentle, unperturbable person. He just never seems to get angry about anything—except when it concerns anything going wrong on the show, of course!

David is one of the most serious-minded actors on the set. He always knows his lines and he likes to work out every single "bit" in detail. After everyone else has finished rehearsals and run-throughs, David will stay on the set and work out his lines over and over again until he feels they are natural and perfect. He never fools around during rehearsals, but don't get me wrong—he's not a "stick in the mud". David Selby has a *fantastic* sense of humor.

Each day David talks to his wife Chip on the phone, and soon he'll be talking to his baby son Jamison. I have never met Chip, but from talking to her I can tell that she's the same sweet, kind, down-to-earth person David is.

David Selby is a *natural* in every way—a great, natural actor; a great, natural human being; and a naturally beautiful person, inside and out. I can't say enough good things about him! Those of you who are particularly partial to David will be delighted to learn that he is incredibly dedicated to his fans. In fact, he is so concerned about answering each of the thousands of cards and letters he has received that he has organized his very own fan club. I *know* you all understand that it's *impossible* for him to sit down and send each of you handwritten answers. He wouldn't have time to appear on the show if he did *that*! So David has taken his own time, money and energy to open a P. O. box, so that anyone who writes a letter to him can be *sure* that he will personally pick it up. What's more, they are assured of getting a reply—and that includes a beautiful picture of David with his autograph on it! You can write to David Selby at Box 1114, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y.

David Henesy: David drives me crazy—but I love him! He's all boy and, naturally, he's as full of energy and mischief as any young man his age (David just turned 14 last October). David loves to tease everybody on the set, but the one who really gets it from him is Denise Nickerson. (Wow, what a great sport she is!) But, with all his bubbly enthusiasm, a part of David is very adult. For instance, more than anyone else he helps me out around the office when I'm terribly busy. He answers my phone very efficiently (which is more than I can say for Roger Davis, but that's another story!) David helps me sort mail and he has often opened my business mail and stapled it carefully for me. He's really

quite organized—and extremely bright.

That same “efficient organization” carries over into David’s work, but there his fantastic natural talent explodes too. It’s very, very hard for anyone not to make a goof after working day in and day out five days a week on the Dark Shadows set—and I thought you’d all like to know that David Henesy holds the world’s record for never ever having made a mistake or a goof or a fluff on Dark Shadows!

All in all, David is a very good “kid”—but watch out, he bites!

Don Briscoe: The best description of Don is—calm, cool and collected. He has a totally different personality from most actors. He’s a very, very quiet person, he’s unassuming and—well, he’s totally untypical. I guess the most revealing thing I can say about Don Briscoe is—he isn’t a typical anything, he’s just uniquely *himself*. Oh, yes—Don is one other thing! He’s a “lunch hound”! I’ve never seen *anybody* eat as much lunch as Don can!! F’r instance, one day he had an egg salad sandwich with bacon and two malteds followed by scrambled eggs and French toast! But he’s *sweet*—he did offer me a bite of his French toast!

When it come to acting, Don is more of an instinctive performer. Though he is probably basically shy, he’s in-

credibly aware of everything that goes on around him and deeply appreciates any advice and observations given him. Though he’s been excellent in all of the roles he’s played, I think Don was one of *Dark Shadows*’ all-time great vampires. When he was the “baby vampire”—when he first came on the show—he created a furor with the fans. He added “bits” to his vampire interpretation that made it somehow seem more real and contemporary than any I have ever seen. He even *really* scared *me*—and I know the fans were absolutely knocked out, because when Don was taken off the show they stormed the studio! We were completely deluged with petitions, letters and phone calls on Don’s behalf and—thank heavens—Don was put back on the show!

Gee, I’m almost out of room and there’s still another super goodie I have in store for you! Do you think I left out one of your favs? Well, you’re completely wrong—for in the June issue of 16 SPEC (which goes on sale April 9) I’m going to finish telling you all about the real DS regulars, including Jonathan Frid, Mike Stroka, Christopher Pennock, Denise Nickerson, Roger Davis, Joan Bennett, Grayson Hall, Thayer David, Kathryn Leigh Scott, Jerry Lacy, Chris Bernau, Humbert Astredo, Nancy Barrett, Terry Crawford, Marie Wallace and Louis Edmonds!!

Flash! Flash! DARK SHADOWS Movie! Flash!! Flash!!

How would you like to see a color feature movie of *Dark Shadows* in your home town?!! Well, it can be done! Yes — a fabulous full-length motion picture of *Dark Shadows* can come to your favorite movie house — and all you have to do to see that it *does* is to fill in the coupon here (one coupon is for you and one coupon is for a friend).

If you’re a recent DS fan, how would you like to see a color film showing how *Dark Shadows* all began? And if you’re a DS regular, how would you like to see the *Dark Shadows* story right from the beginning again?

Of course, the movie will star everybody’s favorite — Jonathan “Barnabas Collins” Frid — and all of the other *Dark Shadows* regulars you’d like to see! And that’s not all — when the movie comes your way, the DS gang will visit your home town **IN PERSON!!**

Once again: if you’re a *Dark Shadows* lover, all you have to do to be sure that the *Dark Shadows* full-length movie comes to a movie house in your home town is to fill in the coupon here (and be sure your friend fills in his or her coupon too!) and mail the coupons to *Dark Shadows* Movie, c/o 16 Magazine, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.

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1. Peggy Lipton



2. Michael Stroka



3. Bobby Sherman



4. Kurt Russell



WHAT'S IN A NAME?!

HAVE YOU EVER wondered what the historical, mythological and "root origin" meaning is of the name of your favorite top pop star? A short while back, **16 Magazine** printed a letter from a reader explaining the meaning of a couple of names. Since then, **16** and **16 SPEC** have been deluged with letters — either **offering** meanings of top stars' names or **asking** the meaning of a particular fav's name!

To set the matter straight, **16 SPEC** is printing this list of teen stars' names (plus their "TV names") with the correct meaning of each name after it. (For the most part, the meanings are taken from Winthrop Ames' groovy paperback book **What Shall We Name The Baby?** — it's published by Simon and Schuster and costs \$1.45, in case you'd like to get your own copy.) So read on — and if your fav's name isn't here, drop a line to **16 SPEC** telling us his or her name and watch for the meaning of the name in a future issue of **16 Magazine** or **16 SPEC**!!

BOYS' NAMES

JONATHAN	"Gift of the Lord"
MICHAEL	"Like unto the Lord"
DAVID	"Beloved one"
DONALD	"World ruler; dark or brown-haired stranger — or Lord"
CHRISTOPHER	"Christ bearer"
ROGER	"Famous spearman"
ROBERT	"Of shining fame"
BOBBY	(Short for Robert, see above)
JACK	"God's gracious gift" (diminutive of John)
LEONARD	"Brave or strong as a lion"
BARRY	"Dweller at the barrier, diligent"
JOHN	(See Jack, above)
BOB	(See Robert, above)
PAUL	"Little, saintly"
DICK	(Short for Richard) "Powerful ruler"
BILL	(Short for William) "Resolute protector"
ELVIS	"Wise friend"
MICKY	(See Michael, above)
DAVY	(See David, above)
MIKE	(See Michael, above)
PETER	"A rock"
GLEN	"Of the glen or valley"
DENNIS	"Joyous" (From Dionysus, the Greek god of wine)
GARY	"Soldier"
STEFAN	"Crown or garland"
CLARENCE	"Illustrious"
MARK	"War-like"
LINDSAY	"Gentle"
FREDDY	(Short for Frederick) "Peaceful ruler"
JOE	(Short for Joseph) "He shall add"
KEVIN	"Handsome, kind"
KEITH	"Wood dweller; the wind"
WARREN	"Game warden, protector"
ROB	(Short for Robert, see above)
RICKY (ERIC)	"Ever powerful or kingly"
JAMES	"The supplanter"
WAYNE	"Wagonmaker"

GIRLS' NAMES

OLIVIA	"Peaceful"
KATHRYN	"Pure"
NANCY	"Full of grace"
LUCIE	"Light"
SUSAN	"A lily"
BARBARA	"Mysterious stranger"
BRIDGET	"Strong, spirited"
DENISE	"Joyous"
PEGGY	"A pearl"
JOAN	"God's gracious gift"
GLORIA	"Glorious one"

TV ROLE NAMES

LINC	(Short for Lincoln) "By a pool or stream"
JEREMY	(Short for Jeremiah) "Exalted of the Lord"
JASON	"The healer"
JOSHUA	"Salvation of the Lord"
ROMEO	"Young man from Rome"
BARNABAS	"Son of prophesy; consoler"
QUENTIN	"The fifth born"
CHARLES	"Great, strong, manly"
JEFF	(Short for Jeffrey) "God's peace"
CANDY	(Short for Candice) "Glowing"
JULIA	"Youthful"
JULIE	(French for Julia, see above)
JULIETTE	(Diminutive for Julie, see above)
AMY	"Beloved"
ELIZABETH	"Consecrated to God"
MAGGIE	(Short for Margaret) "Born of moonlight; a pearl"
CAROLYN	"Person of greatness"
VICTORIA	"Victorious"
ANGELIQUE	(French for Angela) "Heavenly Messenger" (!)

JONATHAN FRID'S "OTHER LIFE"!

JONATHAN FRID is alone in his living room. Only one small corner lamp is lit and it gives off a dim, somber glow. The room is quiet — too quiet. Jonathan starts walking toward the window. Suddenly his foot hits something strange. He turns on the overhead light and, as his eyes adjust to the new brightness, he looks down at the floor. He stands there — frozen in place. There's a body lying on his living room floor — a dead body! And to Jonathan's horror, it's the **wrong** dead body!

The body lying there should have been that of his wife! He had planned it all — how he would get rid of her and collect her money. He was so sure that he had devised the perfect murder! What had gone wrong? What had gone wrong?

Relax, 16-ers! Jonathan Frid's "other life" is not that of a wife-killer! When he's not biting necks as "Barnabas" on *Dark Shadows*, Jonathan enjoys acting in theatre productions throughout the country. The scene we have described is from *Dial M For Murder*, a marvelous murder mystery which was done at the Little Theatre On The Square in Sullivan, Illinois. Jonathan played the leading role of Tony Wendice, a man who wants to murder his wife and plans to do so with the help of Captain Lesgate. Unfortunately, things do not go according to plan — and Jonathan's stage wife, Margot, kills the Captain in self-defense. Still undaunted, Jonathan (as Tony) tries to make the evidence appear as though Margot killed Captain Lesgate in cold blood — and not in self-defense. Good wins out in the end, however, and Police Inspector Hubbard discovers Tony's evil plot and arrests him. Let's take a look now at some scenes from this exciting drama and see what Jonathan is like in his "other life"!



Jonathan, as Tony Wendice, comforts his frightened wife Margot, who has confessed that she killed Captain Lesgate in self-defense. Little does she realize that the dead man was hired by her own husband to kill her!



Thinking quickly, Tony calls Police Inspector Hubbard. He has already devised an alternate plan to get rid of his wife and collect her money. He intends to have Margot arrested and sentenced for cold-blooded murder!



After calling the police, Tony gives Margot the "murder weapon" — a pair of scissors — hoping that the scissors will incriminate her. Margot is so relieved at just being alive that she suspects nothing!



Inspector Hubbard arrives and questions Margot about the dead man. She demonstrates that while she was on the phone, the would-be killer began to strangle her and she reached into the desk drawer for the scissors. Tony listens — waiting for his chance to twist her story around!